

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear abuse of the public airwaves. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. The lack of attention to equal time viewing is an outrage.

This is an example of the dangers of media consolidation. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. It is important that we see real people from our own communities speak to substantive news issues that matter, as well as the mass produced national network news.

Citizens are well aware that news is to be based in fact, and not in melodrama passed off as fact! Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.